VIA ECF

March 11, 2025

The Honorable Arun Subramanian Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl St., Courtroom 15A New York, NY 10007 Given the Court's Order at Dkt. 499, this motion is denied as moot. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to terminate the motion at ECF No. 478.

SO ORDERED.

Arun Subramanian, U.S.D.J.

Date: April 1, 2025

Re: United States et al. v. Live Nation Entertainment, Inc., et al., No. 1:24-cv-3973-AS

Dear Judge Subramanian:

Plaintiffs seek the Court's leave to file under seal a Motion to Compel and Exhibits and to file a redacted version of the Motion to Compel and Exhibits D-1 and D-3 on the public docket. Contemporaneous with the filing of this letter-motion, and in accordance with Paragraph 11(c)(iii) of the Court's Individual Practices and Paragraph 9 of the Protective Order, ECF No. 213, Plaintiffs are (1) publicly filing on ECF a copy of the Motion to Compel and Exhibits D-1 and D-3 with proposed redactions and (2) filing under seal on ECF an unredacted copy of the Motion to Compel and Exhibits D-1 and D-3 with proposed redactions highlighted, along with sealed versions of Exhibits A to D and D-2.

<u>Plaintiffs Seek Provisional Redaction of the Motion to Compel Solely to Comply with the Protective Order and the Court's Individual Practices</u>

Plaintiffs request provisional redaction of the Motion to Compel because it contains information from the pre-Complaint investigation, including information that Defendants identified as confidential during the pre-Complaint investigation. The Motion to Compel also attaches Exhibits A to D-3, documents that consist of or describe discussions and materials from Plaintiffs' pre-Complaint investigation that are subject to confidentiality obligations, and the Motion itself contains passages describing or reflecting those exhibits. Exhibits D to D-3 also reference documents or information designated by a third party as Highly Confidential, and Exhibit D-2 was designated by Defendants as Confidential.

On both March 9 and March 11, Plaintiffs requested that Defendants de-designate Exhibit C as nonconfidential, permitting public filing of that exhibit and material drawn from it. As of this filing, Defendants have not responded.

<u>Defendants Must Overcome the Presumption of Public Access to Justify Any</u> <u>Continued Redaction of the Motion to Compel and its Exhibits</u>

Plaintiffs request redaction of the Motion to Compel and Exhibits D-1 to D-3 and sealing of Exhibits A to D because of Defendants' confidentiality assertions and designations. "The burden of demonstrating that a document submitted to a court should be sealed rests on the party seeking such action," *DiRussa v. Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.*, 121 F.3d 818, 826 (2d Cir. 1997), and sealing "should not be done without a compelling reason," *City of Hartford v. Chase*, 942

F.2d 130, 135 (2d Cir. 1991). Defendants accordingly bear the burden of showing the material warrants sealing.

"[T]he mere filing of a paper or document with the court is insufficient to render that paper a judicial document subject to the right of public access." *United States v. Amodeo*, 44 F.3d 141, 145 (2d Cir. 1995). Rather, "the item filed must be relevant to the performance of the judicial function and useful in the judicial process in order for it to be designated a judicial document." *Id.* "[T]he weight to be given the presumption of access must be governed by the role of the material at issue in the exercise of Article III judicial power and the resultant value of such information to those monitoring the federal courts." *United States v. Amodeo*, 71 F.3d 1044, 1049 (2d Cir. 1995) ("Amodeo II"). "[A]fter determining the weight of the presumption of access, the court must 'balance competing considerations against it." *Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110, 120 (2d Cir. 2006) (*quoting Amodeo II*, 71 F.3d at 1050).

If Defendants maintain the Exhibits and associated text at issue warrant sealing, then Plaintiffs request, pursuant to Individual Practices \P 11(C)(i), that Defendants be required to file a letter-motion to seal within three business days "explaining the need to seal or redact the document." Plaintiffs also respectfully request an opportunity to respond to any letter-motion to seal filed by Defendants. Should Plaintiffs oppose proposed redactions by Defendants, Plaintiffs will file a response within 3 business days.

Respectfully submitted,

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